



# March Newsletter

*-Meetings on third Thursday of the Month-*

## Club attends Outdoor Shows...



*Members Rob Huebner and Al Smeraglio (seated) are shadowed by Mike Ebner at the Outdoor Show in Oaks*

More than twenty club members supported our presence at our booth at the **Oaks Expo Center** where we displayed our club activities, tied and sold flies, and answered questions about our organization and it's history. Having been established since 1971, we represent the oldest fly tying club in the greater Philadelphia area. We had a great location that overlooked the casting pool and staffed the display during the February 25-28 show.

We also held a booth at the **Souderton Show** for a one day show and were able to introduce ourselves to hundreds of prospective members. Hand-tied flies were also offered for sale and between the two shows we took in \$200 in sales. That help to defray the rental cost of the booths.

A special note of thanks goes out to all of our members who manned the booths and tied and donated flies for these shows. Time will tell if signups will result.

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### Special points of interest:

- Next meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Opening Day SE PA- April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Learn-to-fish Day- April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Opening Day NE PA- April 17<sup>th</sup>
- "Stick" Day April 24<sup>th</sup>—on Brodhaed Creek
- Delaware River Camping— June 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
- Penns Creek- June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

## Wet Fly Waterguides to present this month's program

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Dave Allbaugh and George Lashinsky owners of Wet Fly Waterguides in Western Pennsylvania specialize in the Classic Art of Wet Fly Fishing. Over the last 20 years these two have spent countless hours on the stream and at the vice perfecting and designing new wet fly patterns and customized leaders for the streams that they fish. Both are Pennsylvania licensed guides and guide on some of Pennsylvania's premier freestone and limestone streams in the Central and North Central areas of the state. Their mission is to teach and educate new and old fly fishermen about this forgotten classic traditional way of fly fishing and to show how productive wet flies can be throughout the season.



In describing their program they said, *“The presentation that we give is on wet fly fishing and is called Basic Equipment and Tactics to Wet Fly Fishing. We use a projector/DVD player to do the presentation with some still shots and video. We will discuss a little bit about where we are from and our home waters. We will also cover equipment, flies, leaders and tactics to use on different types of water to become a successful wet fly fisherman. The program is about 1 hr long and usually there's a lot of questions so it could last a little longer.”*

While somewhat in decline in recent years; the lowly wet fly still accounts for more fish caught than by any other method. The standard wet fly can be readily tied— regardless of your tying skill level. Due to its ease-of-construction, low cost of materials (on fancy-assed hackle required here), and their overall effectiveness, makes wet flies a major player for the average fly fisherman. Don't look down your nose at these! 🍣

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## Charles Meck will be here in April...

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It's with great pleasure that we announce the booking of lifelong Pennsylvania resident and book author, Charles R. Meck. Some of his most noted books include *Trout Streams and Hatches of Pennsylvania* and *Arizona Trout Streams and Their Hatches*. We look forward to seeing Charles and listening to some of the latest in tactics and stream-smarts from one-of-our-own experts. 🍣

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# Tying Tips : size matters...

Ask any of the really good tyers and they'll tell you that the "perfect" fly requires meticulous attention to getting the proportions *dead on*. Making the tail length correct, getting the size of the wing just right, using the proper size of hackle—and the list goes on— all of these are needed to assemble a good fly. Actually the difference between, say a "good fly" and a great fly can be measured in millimeters!

There are times when you just don't care, all that much. We all have these lapses but they usually result in the fly being discarded or pushed into the corner, along with your other sub-standard flies from the past. It's kind of similar to the "land of misfit toys" where these "rejects" are left to the lonely world of the "undesired". When you next reach for your flybox, you'll pick out the better flies every time.

The trout probably don't care but we hold our sport/art to a higher standard. We've all caught trout on flies that have been ripped to shreds by other trout and continue to produce strike-after-strike.

Meanwhile, one of the most overlooked features of some of our favorite patterns use beadheads for their effectiveness. Unfortunately, we usually grab the first container beads and slip it one the hook. A

better method is to pick the right bead based upon a standard; not a guess.



*These handy dispensers present a single bead at a time  
Just push the housing down and a bead "pops" up*

To help in your selection here's a table (thanks, to Mike Ebner) that should serve you well:

### Round Bead Head

Bead Size  
Hook Size  
Sink Rate

1.5 mm	20-22
2.0 mm (5/64th)	18-20 13.45 IPS
2.3 mm (3/32nd)	16-18 14.88 IPS
3.2 mm (1/8th)	12-14 15.79 IPS
4.0 mm (5/32nd)	8-10 18.29 IPS
4.8 mm (3/16th)	4-6 21.07 IPS
5.5 mm (7/32nd)	2-4 22.50 IPS

### Round Tungsten Bead Head

Bead Size  
Hook Size  
Sink Rate

5/64th	18-20 19.55 IPS
3/32nd	16-18 20.57 IPS
7/64th	14-16 23.20 IPS
1/8th	12-14 25.25 IPS

5/32nd	8-10 26.57 IPS
3/16th	4-6 29.27 IPS

### Tungsten Cone Head

Bead Size  
Hook Size  
Sink Rate

Small (5/32nd)	4.0mm 4-6-8	25.00 IPS
Medium (3/16th)	4.8mm 2-4	27.40 IPS
Large (1/4th)	6.3mm 1-2-4	29.32 IPS

### BEAD TO HOOK SIZE:

1/16=	Size 20,
5/64=	Size 18,
3/32=	Size 16,
7/64=	Size 14,
1/8=	Size 12,
5/32=	Size 10 & 8,
7/32=	Size 6 & 4,
1/4=#	2.

There are lots of folks that don't like beadheads at all. I, for one, think that, like most things in life, have their time-and-place. There are some real pluses to these guys; not the least of which is convenience.

It seems that I drop more split-shot into the creek than I actually get onto the line. Once I get one in place, it seems that I need to remove it, at some time shortly thereafter. Another thing that I like is that the weight seems to be in the right location; near the eye of the hook. Weighted in this manner causes the fly to drop then rise up when retrieved. That's not always what the trout want but, for the most part, it works pretty well.

Strongly consider using tungsten; in spite of the extra cost. Don't forget that increasing the diameter of the bead, instead, can make the fly look out-of-wack. 🐟



## MAIN LINE FLY-TYERS

Greater Plymouth Community Center  
2910 Jolly Road  
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## Driving Directions:

### From Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276)

Take Exit 333 (Norristown - old exit 25). At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Plymouth Road. At the light, turn right onto Germantown Pike West. Continue approximately one (1) mile, through four (4) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

### From Blue Route (I-476)

Take exit for Germantown Pike West (Exit 20). Continue on Germantown Pike west for approximately one (1) mile, through five (5) traffic lights (not counting the left hand turn light at Sandy Hill Road). At the fifth light, turn right onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

### From Route 202

Follow Route 202 to Germantown Pike. Travel EAST on Germantown Pike, through five (5) traffic lights. At the next traffic light, approximately half a mile, turn left onto Jolly Road. The Community Center is on the right at 2910 Jolly Road.

**We're on the Web**  
[www.mainlineflytyers.net](http://www.mainlineflytyers.net)

## In memory of Ed Temme ...

This custom built rod is being raffled by the folks at the Rod Building Forum in memory of former MLFT member Ed Temme. This is a top-quality cane rod with a fine leather case. The raffle is being held online and the tickets will be listed at \$10.40 via PayPal or \$10.00 via check or money order. All proceeds will be donated to Ed's widow.

The Board of MLFT fully endorses this worthy cause and feel it's a fitting way to honor Ed's memory. The lucky winner not only will be able to experience the joy of fishing with a great rod, but will be reminded of the marriage of science/art that is expressed in these beautiful instruments. Something akin to a fine violin, only a cane fly rod can come alive in the hands of someone that appreciates it's value. The use of cane as a rod material will be cherished for generations to come. There may be rod materials with superior mechanical properties but cane rods will endure forever.

Here's the link to the web site; good luck!! 🍀

<http://www.rodbuildingforum.com/index.php?showtopic=24020&st=0>



*Custom rod to be raffled  
on March 20<sup>th</sup>*

# THE SOURCE

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THIS IS BEING DONE ON A TRIAL BASIS AND WILL BE MAINTAINED IF INTEREST JUSTIFIES ITS CONTINUATION



# NERD'S CORNER 101

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PURPOSE: DETERMINE VALUE OF  
USING TUNGSTEN BEADS

GIVEN:

$$V = \text{VOLUME} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$

$$\rho_{BR} = \text{DENSITY BRASS} = .301 \text{ \#/in}^3$$

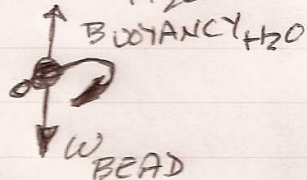
$$\rho_{TU} = \text{DENSITY TUNGSTEN} = .695 \text{ \#/in}^3$$

$$\rho_{H_2O} = \text{DENSITY WATER} = .036 \text{ \#/in}^3$$

$$W_{NET} = \text{WEIGHT NET} = \text{WEIGHT BEAD} -$$

BUOYANCY OF  $H_2O$

$$V_{BEAD} = V_{H_2O}$$



CALCULATE:

$$\text{WEIGHT} = \rho V$$

$$(\rho_{TU} \times V_{TU}) - (\rho_{H_2O} \times V_{TU}) = (\rho_{BR} \times V_{BR}) - (\rho_{H_2O} \times V_{BR})$$

$$V_{TU} (\rho_{TU} - \rho_{H_2O}) = V_{BR} (\rho_{BR} - \rho_{H_2O})$$

$$\frac{V_{TU}}{V_{BR}} = \frac{\rho_{BR} - \rho_{H_2O}}{\rho_{TU} - \rho_{H_2O}} \quad \therefore \frac{V_{TU}}{V_{BR}} = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \pi r_{TU}^3}{\frac{4}{3} \pi r_{BR}^3}$$

THEN,

$$\frac{r_{TU}^3}{r_{BR}^3} = \frac{.301 - .036}{.695 - .036} = \frac{.265}{.659}$$

$$r_{TU}^3 = \frac{.265}{.659} r_{BR}^3$$

$$r_{TU} = \sqrt[3]{.402} r_{BR} \quad \text{OR} \quad r_{BR} = 1.35 r_{TU}$$

OR, DIA OF BRASS MUST BE 35% GREATER  
THAN TUNGSTEN

# Upcoming Events

**Southeast PA Opening day - April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 at 8:00 AM**

**Not a scheduled Club Event**

**Learn to fish Day – April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 9:00 AM**

- ✦ Resica Falls Scout Camp
- ✦ Coffee in the AM
- ✦ Lunch Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda

**Optional: For Cabin information call Scout Headquarters at 610-688-6900**

**Northeast PA Opening day - April 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 8:00 AM**

- ✦ Brodhead Creek, Stroudsburg, PA
- ✦ Meet for lunch at the Park right under the Rt 191 bridge

**Lunch Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda**

**Stick day – April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010**

- ✦ Brodhead Creek, Stroudsburg, PA
- ✦ Meet for lunch at the Park right under the Rt 191 bridge

**Lunch Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda**

**Delaware River - June 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2010**

- ✦ Pleasant Valley camp ground - Linda, 570-224-4038, Equinunk PA
- ✦ Each tent must call up for a reservation with number camping
- ✦ Bring your own food
- ✦ Must arrange own tenting/Sleeping arrangements

**Will break up in groups to fish**

**Penns Creek - June 11, 12**

- ✦ Make reservations at The Feathered Hook, Colburn PA 1-814-349-8757
- ✦ Breakfast included
- ✦ Sleep two to a room and two rooms share a bath
- ✦ Local Restaurants for dinner, pay for what you order, or Grill at the Feathered Hook, everyone splits the cost

**Guides available, Contact Feathered Hook**



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## *The Classic Fly Fisherman*

Hello! My name is Robert Selb, maybe you have seen me at the major Fly Fishing Shows. I am a dealer and buyer of Classic and Collectable Books, Rods, Reels and Tackle.

Just to tell you a little about myself, I first started fishing when I was five years old. Started fly fishing at fourteen. Started collecting Tackle around 22, and have been dealing in tackle for the last 30 years. I fished with my first cane rod (Hardy) in 1974. It has been "Cane" ever since. I enjoy traveling from coast to coast, talking and meeting and trading stories with many of the top rod builders. I have fished from Chile to Alaska, all over the states.

I am an agent for J. D. Wagner, Walt Carpenter, and Bill Harms and deal in many Classic and Collectable Cane Rods. We also carry Ron Kusse, Rick Robbins, Bobby Taylor and Dennis Menscer, Dana Gray, Marc Aroner, John Gallas, Jim Beasley and Bill Taylor.

I hope you make much time to enjoy the sport – it is a lot of fun! And yes!! Please fish these fine cane rods!! A lot of people ask me: "Do you fish with these Cane rods? There is no finer thing in life than catching a nice trout with a fine cane rod and a Classic Trout Reel!!"

### **Store Hours and Location:**

[www.classicflyfisherman.com](http://www.classicflyfisherman.com)

206 South Broad Street  
Lansdale, PA 19446-3837  
(215) 412-3667

# Some Local Shops

<p><b>Clouser Fly Fishing</b> 101 Ulrich Street Middletown, PA 17057 717-944-6541</p>	<p>Evening Hatch 5 Rt. 940 East Lake Harmony, PA 18624 570-443-0772</p>	<p><b>Little Lehigh Fly Shop</b> <b>RD 2 Fish Hatchery Road</b> <b>Allentown, PA 18103</b> <b>610-797-5599</b></p>
<p>Mainstream Outfitters 1121 N. Easton Rd Doylestown, PA 1890 215-766-1244</p>	<p>Slate Run Tackle Shop PO Box 1 Route 414 Slate Run, PA 17769 570-753-8551</p>	<p>TCO Fly Shop 895 Penn Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 610-527-3388</p>
<p>TCO Fly Shop 2229 Penn Ave. Reading, PA 19609 610-678-1899</p>	<p><b>The Feathered Hook</b> <b>516 Main Street</b> <b>Colburn, PA 16832</b> <b>814-349-8757</b></p>	<p>Wilderness Trekker, Inc. 22 Hughes Street RR3 Box 3 New Ringgold, PA 17960 570-943-3151</p>
<p>Yellow Breeches Outfitters 2 First Street, PO Box 200 Boiling Springs, PA 17007 717-258-6752</p>	<p>A.A. Outfitters HC Box 1030 Blakeslee, PA 18610 800-443-8119</p>	<p>Anglers Pro Shop 3361 Bethlehem Pike Soudertown, PA 18964 800-934-4862</p>
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